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TAGS: EGEN, HO, ECLA

SUBJECT: RUMORS THAT ECLA WILL MOVE TO HONDURAS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3962 (NOTAL)

1. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE ARE NO FACTS TO SUPPORT RUMOR THAT ECLA HEADQUARTERS MAY BE MOVED FROM SANTIAGO TO TEGUCIGALPA. ON THE CONTRARY, ECLA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IN WASHINGTON VISIT OCTOBER 11, INFORMED US HIS RELATIONS WITH NEW GOC ARE GOOD. IN ADDITION, HE REPORTED CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD INFORMED HIM AND UN SYG WALDHEIM THAT GOC WELCOMES CONTINUING UN PRESENCE IN SANTIAGO.

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2. IT IS TRUE THAT IGLESIAS IS SEEKING WAYS TO STRENGTHEN ECLA'S SUB-REGIONAL, BRANCH OFFICES, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANYTHING IN THAT CONNECTION WHICH WOULD EFFECT HONDURAS. ECLA BRANCH OFFICE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA IS IN MEXICO CITY.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT VOLUNTEER ANY COMMENT TO GOH ON SUBJECT. IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT ANYTHING RELATED TO MOVE OF A UN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE MATTER FOR DECISION OF ALL UN MEMBERS. YOU MAY ADD THAT WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS, EVEN OF MOST TENTATIVE NATURE, HAVING TO DO WITH A POSSIBLE MOVE BY ECLA AWAY FROM SANTIAGO. KISSINGER

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